

Legislative Bill Drafting Commission  
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                  Senate  
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IN SENATE--Introduced by Sen

--read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed  
to the Committee on

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Assembly  
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IN ASSEMBLY--Introduced by M. of A.

with M. of A. as co-sponsors

--read once and referred to the  
Committee on

**\*PENALA\***

(Relates to the offense of criminal  
possession of marihuana in the fifth  
degree)

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Pen L. criminal poss of marihuana

**AN ACT**

to amend the penal law, in relation  
to criminal possession of marihuana  
in the fifth degree

The People of the State of New  
York, represented in Senate and  
Assembly, do enact as follows:

**IN SENATE**

**Senate introducer's signature**

The senators whose names are circled below wish to join me in the sponsorship  
of this proposal:

s20 Adams	s44 Farley	s58 Kennedy	s54 Nozzolio	s28 Serrano
s15 Addabbo	s02 Flanagan	s34 Klein	s53 O'Mara	s51 Seward
s55 Alesi	s08 Fuschillo	s26 Krueger	s37 Oppenheimer	s09 Skelos
s11 Avella	s59 Gallivan	s24 Lanza	s21 Parker	s14 Smith
s40 Ball	s12 Gianaris	s39 Larkin	s13 Peralta	s25 Squadron
s42 Bonacic	s22 Golden	s01 LaValle	s30 Perkins	s16 Stavisky
s46 Breslin	s47 Griffo	s52 Libous	s61 Ranzenhofer	s35 Stewart-
s38 Carlucci	s60 Grisanti	s45 Little	s48 Ritchie	Cousins
s50 DeFrancisco	s06 Hannon	s05 Marcellino	s33 Rivera	s49 Valesky
s32 Diaz	s36 Hassell-	s07 Martins	s56 Robach	s57 Young
s17 Dilan	Thompson	s62 Maziarz	s41 Saland	s03 Zeldin
s29 Duane	s10 Huntley	s43 McDonald	s19 Sampson	s27
s31 Espaillat	s04 Johnson	s18 Montgomery	s23 Savino	

**IN ASSEMBLY**

**Assembly introducer's signature**

The Members of the Assembly whose names are circled below wish to join me in the  
multi-sponsorship of this proposal:

a049 Abbate	a085 Crespo	a042 Jacobs	a121 Miller, D.	a067 Rosenthal
a092 Abinanti	a107 Crouch	a095 Jaffee	a102 Miller, J.	a118 Russell
a105 Amedore	a014 Curran	a057 Jeffries	a038 Miller, M.	a144 Ryan
a084 Arroyo	a063 Cusick	a135 Johns	a052 Millman	a012 Saladino
a035 Aubry	a045 Cymbrowitz	a112 Jordan	a015 Montesano	a113 Sayward
a124 Barclay	a034 DenDekker	a099 Katz	a132 Morelle	a029 Scarborough
a103 Barrett	a081 Dinowitz	a074 Kavanagh	a039 Moya	a016 Schimel
a040 Barron	a114 Duprey	a145 Kearns	a003 Murray	a140 Schimminger
a082 Benedetto	a004 Englebright	a065 Kellner	a037 Nolan	a064 Silver
a122 Blankenbush	a054 Espinal	a129 Kolb	a128 Oaks	a027 Simanowitz
a055 Boyland	a071 Farrell	a025 Lancman	a069 O'Donnell	a036 Simotas
a008 Boyle	a123 Finch	a091 Latimer	a051 Ortiz	a100 Skartados
a026 Braunstein	a007 Fitzpatrick	a013 Lavine	a136 Palmesano	a146 Smardz
a044 Brennan	a137 Friend	a050 Lentol	a088 Paulin	a079 Stevenson
a116 Brindisi	a143 Gabryszak	a125 Lifton	a141 Peoples-	a011 Sweeney
a131 Bronson	a090 Galef	a072 Linares	Stokes	a110 Tedisco
a046 Brook-Krasny	a133 Gantt	a127 Lopez, P.	a058 Perry	a115 Tenney
a147 Burling	a077 Gibson	a053 Lopez, V.	a087 Pretlow	a002 Thiele
a117 Butler	a149 Giglio	a001 Losquadro	a073 Quart	a061 Titone
a101 Cahill	a066 Glick	a126 Lupardo	a021 Ra	a031 Titus
a096 Calhoun	a023 Goldfeder	a111 Magee	a097 Rabbitt	a062 Tobacco
a043 Camara	a150 Goodell	a120 Magnarelli	a009 Raia	a148 Walter
a106 Canestrari	a075 Gottfried	a059 Maisel	a006 Ramos	a041 Weinstein
a089 Castelli	a005 Graf	a060 Malliotakis	a134 Reilich	a020 Weisenberg
a086 Castro	a098 Gunther	a030 Markey	a109 Reilly	a024 Weprin
a138 Ceretto	a130 Hanna	a093 Mayer	a078 Rivera, J.	a070 Wright
a033 Clark	a139 Hawley	a019 McDonough	a080 Rivera, N.	a094 Zebrowski
a047 Colton	a083 Heastie	a104 McEneny	a076 Rivera, P.	
a010 Conte	a028 Hevesi	a017 McKevitt	a119 Roberts	
a032 Cook	a048 Hikind	a108 McLaughlin	a056 Robinson	
a142 Corwin	a018 Hooper	a022 Meng	a068 Rodriguez	

1) Single House Bill (introduced and printed separately in either or  
both houses). Uni-Bill (introduced simultaneously in both houses and printed  
as one bill. Senate and Assembly introducer sign the same copy of the bill).

2) Circle names of co-sponsors and return to introduction clerk with 2  
signed copies of bill and 4 copies of memorandum in support (single house);  
or 4 signed copies of bill and 8 copies of memorandum  
in support (uni-bill).

1 Section 1. Section 221.10 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 265  
2 of the laws of 1979 and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 75 of the  
3 laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 221.10 Criminal possession of marihuana in the fifth degree.

5 A person is guilty of criminal possession of marihuana in the fifth  
6 degree when he or she knowingly and unlawfully possesses:

7 1. marihuana in a public place, as defined in section 240.00 of this  
8 chapter, and such marihuana is burning [or open to public view]; or

9 2. one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures or substances  
10 containing marihuana and the preparations, compounds, mixtures or  
11 substances are of an aggregate weight of more than twenty-five grams.

12 Criminal possession of marihuana in the fifth degree is a class B  
13 misdemeanor.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
15 have become a law.